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Report

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March 26, 2004

Dear Interested Party:

State law requires physicians, hospitals, and ambulatory surgical centers to report abortions to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). The Women's-Right-to-Know Act requires physicians, who perform abortions, to report to KDHE the number of certifications received. This report is a preliminary analysis of these data, collected by the KDHE Center for Health Environmental Statistics.

In-state collection of 2003 abortion reports is complete. Other states have submitted information on 97 abortions performed on Kansas residents. Since other states may not collect information on all of the questions asked by Kansas, those answers will be totaled as "not stated" with a footnote explanation. Because other states' data may continue to arrive, the *Kansas Annual Summary of Vital Statistics, 2003*, will contain the final abortion data analysis.

This report also contains information the law requires providers to report regarding abortions performed at 22 weeks or greater and partial birth procedures. No partial birth procedures were reported in 2003, the fourth year in a row that none were reported. Detailed information about one abortion – performed at 22 weeks or greater to a Kansas resident in another state – is not available as that state does not collect the information.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lorne A. Phillips".

Lorne A. Phillips, Ph.D.  
State Registrar and Director  
Center for Health and Environmental Statistics

Selected Induced Abortion Statistics Kansas, 2003		
Selected Statistics *	Number	Percent
Total* induced abortions reported	11,697	100.0
Total ** physician certifications reported	11,969	100.0
<u>Residence of Patient:</u>		
Number of in-state residents	6,163	52.7
Number of out-of-state residents	5,534	47.3
Not Stated	0	n.a.
Total Reported	11,697	100.0
<u>Age Group of Patient:</u>		
Under 15 years	78	0.7
15-19 years	2,005	17.1
20-24 years	4,217	36.0
25-29 years	2,615	22.4
30-34 years	1,579	13.5
35-39 years	869	7.4
40-44 years	312	2.7
45 years and over	22	0.2
Not Stated	0	n.a.
Total Reported	11,697	100.0
<u>Race of Patient:</u>		
White	8,342	71.5
Black	2,708	23.1
Native American	118	1.0
Chinese	76	0.6
Japanese	7	0.1
Hawaiian	3	0.0
Filipino	18	0.2
Other Asian or Pacific Islander	325	2.8
Other Nonwhite	76	0.7
Not Stated <sup>1</sup>	24	n.a.
Total Reported	11,697	100.0

\* Not stated values excluded when calculating percentages

\* All reported, includes 79 Kansas resident abortions that occurred out-of-state.

This total is subject to change as other states submit information on Kansas resident abortions in their state.

\*\* Occurrence data

<sup>1</sup> Patient(s) refused to provide information

Selected Induced Abortion Statistics Kansas, 2003		
Selected Statistics	Number	Percent
<u>Hispanic Origin of Patient</u> <sup>1</sup>		
Hispanic	870	7.4
Non-hispanic	10,827	92.6
Total Reported	11,697	100.0
<u>Marital Status of Patient:</u>		
Married	2,202	18.9
Unmarried	9,462	81.1
Not Stated <sup>2</sup>	33	n.a.
Total Reported	11,697	100.0
<u>Weeks Gestation:</u>		
Less than 9 weeks	7,077	60.6
9-12 weeks	2,806	24.0
13-16 weeks	854	7.3
17-21 weeks	455	3.9
22 weeks & over	491	4.2
Not Stated <sup>3</sup>	14	n.a.
Total Reported	11,697	100.0
<u>Method of Abortion:</u>		
Suction curettage	9,320	79.7
Sharp curettage	11	0.1
Dilation & Evacuation	933	8.0
Medical Procedure I	689	5.9
Medical Procedure II	276	2.3
Intra-uterine prosta-glandin instillation	1	0.0
Hysterotomy	2	0.0
Hysterectomy	1	0.0
Digoxin/Induction	464	4.0
"Partial Birth" Procedure <sup>4</sup>	0	0.0
Other	0	0.0
Not Stated	0	n.a.
Total Reported	11,697	100.0

<sup>1</sup> Hispanic origin may be of any race.

<sup>2</sup> Patient(s) refused to provide information.

<sup>3</sup> Information not collected by other states.

<sup>4</sup> No Partial Birth procedures have been performed in Kansas since October 1999.

Selected Induced Abortion Statistics Kansas, 2003		
Selected Statistics	Number	Percent
<u>Number of Previous Pregnancies:</u>		
None	3,397	29.0
One	2,361	20.2
Two	2,125	18.2
Three	1,615	13.8
Four	1,104	9.5
Five	575	4.9
Six	235	2.0
Seven or more	285	2.4
Not Stated	0	n.a.
Total Reported	11,697	100.0
<u>Number of Living Children:</u>		
None	4,782	40.9
One	3,018	25.8
Two	2,461	21.0
Three	980	8.4
Four	320	2.7
Five or more	135	1.2
Not Stated <sup>1</sup>	1	n.a.
Total Reported	11,697	100.0
<u>Number of Previous Spontaneous Terminations:</u>		
None	9,987	85.4
One	1,331	11.4
Two	279	2.4
Three	68	0.6
Four or more	31	0.2
Not Stated	1	n.a.
Total Reported	11,697	100.0
<u>Previous Induced Abortions:</u>		
None	7,161	61.2
One	2,919	24.9
Two	1,073	9.2
Three	359	3.1
Four or more	184	1.6
Not Stated <sup>1</sup>	1	n.a.
Total Reported	11,697	100.0

<sup>1</sup> Patient(s) refused to provide information

Reported Abortions by Place of Residence Kansas, 1971-2003				
Year	Total	Out of State Residents	Kansas Residents	N.S.
1971.....	9,472	5,763	3,709	0
1972.....	12,248	7,736	4,512	0
1973.....	12,612	7,695	4,917	0
1974.....	10,171	4,503	5,657	11
1975.....	9,160	3,565	5,581	14
1976.....	9,154	3,455	5,686	13
1977.....	7,965	2,918	5,045	2
1978.....	9,740	3,957	5,722	61
1979.....	12,335	5,042	7,281	12
1980.....	11,791	4,750	7,038	3
1981.....	10,448	4,150	6,291	7
1982.....	9,976	3,823	6,153	0
1983.....	8,547	3,218	5,329	0
1984.....	8,008	2,689	5,319	0
1985.....	7,092	2,447	4,645	0
1986.....	6,561	2,316	4,245	0
1987.....	6,409	2,357	4,052	0
1988.....	7,930	3,161	4,769	0
1989.....	8,984 *	3,270	4,149	1,565 ***
1990.....	9,459 *	3,341	4,175	1,943 ***
1991.....	10,141 *	4,071	6,070	0
1992.....	11,135 *	4,904	6,231	0
1993.....	11,247	4,853	6,394	0
1994.....	10,847	4,245	6,596	6
1995.....	11,149 **	4,562	6,566	21
1996.....	11,181	4,367	6,806	8
1997.....	11,507	4,973	6,532	2
1998.....	11,624	5,184	6,440	0
1999.....	12,445	6,029	6,416	0
2000.....	12,327	5,971	6,356	0
2001.....	12,422	6,003	6,419	0
2002.....	11,844	5,546	6,298	0
2003.....	11,697	5,534	6,163	0

\* The increase in the 1989-1992 figures may not reflect an increase in the number of abortions being performed but rather an increase in the number of providers voluntarily reporting data.

\*\* As of July 1, 1995, reporting became mandatory for every medical care facility and every person licensed to practice medicine and surgery.

\*\*\* Residency data was not available for all abortions in 1989-1990 . However, due to improved reporting, residency was obtained for most of the abortions reported in subsequent years.

**Induced Abortions  
By County of Residence of Patient  
Kansas, 2003**

County	Total	County	Total	County	Total
Kansas Residents	6,163				
Allen	14	Greeley	0	Osborne	2
Anderson	4	Greenwood	5	Ottawa	3
Atchison	30	Hamilton	2	Pawnee	7
Barber	9	Harper	8	Phillips	0
Barton	37	Harvey	54	Pottawatomie	20
Bourbon	16	Haskell	2	Pratt	14
Brown	10	Hodgeman	1	Rawlins	0
Butler	83	Jackson	9	Reno	83
Chase	3	Jefferson	23	Republic	1
Chautauqua	2	Jewell	4	Rice	15
Cherokee	16	Johnson	1,358	Riley	168
Cheyenne	2	Kearny	3	Rooks	3
Clark	1	Kingman	5	Rush	0
Clay	5	Kiowa	0	Russell	11
Cloud	8	Labette	22	Saline	100
Coffey	11	Lane	4	Scott	4
Comanche	2	Leavenworth	140	Sedgwick	1,318
Cowley	47	Lincoln	2	Seward	48
Crawford	62	Linn	5	Shawnee	416
Decatur	0	Logan	1	Sheridan	0
Dickinson	21	Lyon	81	Sherman	4
Doniphan	7	Marion	7	Smith	1
Douglas	416	Marshall	6	Stafford	4
Edwards	2	McPherson	36	Stanton	1
Elk	4	Meade	2	Stevens	6
Ellis	29	Miami	34	Sumner	20
Ellsworth	4	Mitchell	4	Thomas	8
Finney	70	Montgomery	46	Trego	0
Ford	71	Morris	1	Wabaunsee	5
Franklin	46	Morton	6	Wallace	0
Geary	111	Nemaha	2	Washington	2
Gove	1	Neosho	15	Wichita	1
Graham	1	Ness	2	Wilson	16
Grant	5	Norton	4	Woodson	3
Gray	1	Osage	11	Wyandotte	790
				Unknown <sup>1</sup>	33

<sup>1</sup> County of residence information not collected by some states that provide data on abortions to Kansas residents occurring in those states.



<b>Induced Abortions</b> <b>State of Residence of Patient</b> <b>Kansas, 2003</b>			
State	Total	State	Total
Out-of-state residents	5,534		
Alabama	3	Nebraska	17
Alaska	1	Nevada	3
Arizona	4	New Hampshire	3
Arkansas	12	New Jersey	30
California	21	New Mexico	5
Colorado	33	New York	44
Connecticut	7	North Carolina	11
Delaware	0	North Dakota	4
District of Columbia	0	Ohio	11
Florida	10	Oklahoma	212
Georgia	6	Oregon	3
Hawaii	0	Pennsylvania	16
Idaho	1	Rhode Island	0
Illinois	38	South Carolina	4
Indiana	7	South Dakota	6
Iowa	18	Tennessee	3
Kentucky	5	Texas	34
Louisiana	7	Utah	1
Maine	3	Vermont	0
Maryland	6	Virginia	6
Massachusetts	5	Washington	3
Michigan	8	West Virginia	3
Minnesota	29	Wisconsin	12
Mississippi	1	Wyoming	1
Missouri	4,842	Puerto Rico	1
Montana	1	Canada	32
		All other Countries	1

Source: KDHE Center for Health and Environmental Statistics, Office of Health Care Information

## Abortions Performed at 22 Weeks or More Statistics

Physicians reporting abortions performed at 22 weeks or more were required to fill out three numbered questions on the back of the VS-213 form. The questions and answers are provided below for Kansas and out-of-state residents. Data represent reported abortions for the past calendar year. A sample VS-213 form is contained in the appendices.

### 14) Reasons for determining gestational age 22 weeks or more

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
Sonogram	1	0	1
Physical examination	3	28	31
Physical examination, sonogram results and last menstrual period (if known).	27	397	424
Based on sonogram and biparietal diameter (BPD), determined gestational age to be 22 weeks.	14	19	33
Last menstrual period, sonogram, and perinatal consultation	0	0	0
Estimated date of delivery/confinement and ultrasound	0	1	1
Sonogram and Last Menses	0	0	0
Followup Visit	0	0	0
Not Stated <sup>1</sup>	1	0	1
Total	46	445	491

### 15a) Was the fetus viable?

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
Yes	11	307	318
No	34	138	172
Not Stated <sup>1</sup>	1	0	1
Total	46	445	491

### 15b) Reasons for determination of fetus viability

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
It is the professional judgement of the attending physician that there is a reasonable probability that this pregnancy may be viable.	11	307	318
It is the professional judgement of the attending physician that there is a reasonable probability that this pregnancy is not viable.	20	119	139
No reasonable probability at this gestational age.	14	19	33
Ultrasound - Extreme immaturity of heart and lungs	0	0	0
Hypoplastic Left Heart, Chromosome abnormality	0	0	0
0 Apgar score; mother had severe oligohydramnios; fetus had poly/multicystic kidney disease	0	0	0

## Abortions Performed at 22 Weeks or More Statistics (continued)

### 15b) Reasons for determination of fetus viability (continued)

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
Diagnosis by genetic specialist with no amniotic fluid and other abnormalities	0	0	0
Extreme Immaturity of Organs	0	0	0
Anencephaly	0	0	0
Hypoplastic L Heart determined by Level 2 ULS and perinatology consultation	0	0	0
Trisomy 22 Hydrocephaly	0	0	0
Not Stated <sup>1</sup>	1	0	1
Total	46	445	491

### 16a) If 15a was yes, was this abortion necessary to:

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
Prevent patient's death	0	0	0
Prevent substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function	11	307	318
Total	11	307	318

### 16b) If 15a was yes, reasons for determination in 16a:

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
The patient would suffer substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function if she were forced to continue the pregnancy.	11	307	318
Total	11	307	318

### 16c) If 15a was yes, basis for determination in 16a:

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
Gestational and diagnostic information provided by the referring physician and other health care professional(s) as well as examination and interview of the patient by attending physician.	11	307	318
The patient is suffering a medical emergency. Based on examination and interview of the patient by the attending physician, the physician judges that the abortion is necessary to prevent substantial and permanent damage to a major bodily function.	0	0	0
Total	11	307	318

<sup>1</sup> Data for one Kansas resident who received an abortion out of state at 22 weeks or greater was unavailable as that state did not collect such information

All Reported Data

## "Partial Birth" Procedure Statistics

Physicians reporting "partial birth" abortions were required to fill out three numbered questions on the back of the VS-213 form. Those questions and the answers are provided below for Kansas and out-of-state residents. The questions would be in addition to those filled out if gestation was 22 weeks or more. All data are occurrence. The data represent a full year of reporting. A sample VS-213 form is in the appendices. No "partial birth" abortions were reported in 2003 in Kansas.

Number of "partial birth" procedures

Time Period	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
January 1 - March 31	0	0	0
April 1 - June 30	0	0	0
July 1 - September 30	0	0	0
October 1 - December 31	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

17a) For terminations where "partial birth" procedure was performed, was fetus viable?

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
Yes	0	0	0
No	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

17b) Reasons for determination of fetus viability

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
It is the professional judgement of the attending physician that there is a reasonable probability that this pregnancy is not viable.	0	0	0
It is the professional judgement of the attending physician that there is a reasonable probability that this pregnancy may be viable.	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

## "Partial Birth" Procedure Statistics (continued)

18a) Was this abortion necessary to:

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
Prevent patient's death	0	0	0
Prevent substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

18a) If the abortion was necessary to prevent substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function, was the impairment:

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
Physical	0	0	0
Mental	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

18b) Reasons for Determination of 18a

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
Based on the patient's history and physical examination by the attending physician and referral and consultation by an unassociated physician, the attending physician believes that continuing the pregnancy will constitute a substantial and irreversible impairment of the patient's mental function	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

Occurrence Data